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SUBJ: REMARKS TO THE PRESS BY ASST SEC ATHERTON AT BEN GURION
AIRPORT BEFORE LEAVING TO WASHINGTON, MARCH 8, 78

1. FOLLOWING ARE REMARKS TO THE PRESS BY ATHERTON AT BEN GURION
AIRPORT BEFORE LEAVING FOR WASHINGTON (VIA GENEVA/LONDON) MARCH 8, 78

2. ATHERTON: WELL, I'M OFF AGAIN, ON THE WAY BACK TO WASHINGTON.
I DONT REALLY HAVE ANYTHING I CAN ADD TO REMARKS I MADE WHEN
I FINISHED MY MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER YESTERDAY. I
HAVENT HAD ANY FURTHER TALKS OR MEETINGS SINCE THEN, EXCEPT
PERHAPS TO CONFIRM MY ITINERARY. IM FLYING TODAY TO GENEVA
WHERE I WILL MEET WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF SAUDI ARABIA,
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE SAUD, THIS EVENING, AND THEN ON TO
LONDON THE NEXT DAY AND FROM THERE ON BACK TO WASHINGTON TO BE
READY FOR THE PM'S VISIT. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
PATIENCE WITH ME DURING ALL OF THESE LONG AND IRREGULAR
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ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES AND I EXPECT I'LL BE BACK.

3. Q: HEADLINES YESTERDAY SAID YOU ARE GOING BACK EMPTY-
HANDED. WOULD YOU DENY OR CONFIRM THAT?

4. ATHERTON: I WOULD CERTAINLY NOT DESCRIBE IT AS EMPTY-
HANDED. I THINK AS I'VE SAID BEFORE I THINK WE DID NARROW

SOME OF THE DIFFERENCES WITH RESPECT TO THE DECLARATION OF
PRINCIPLES WHICH HAS BEEN THE PRINCIPAL FOCUS ON THIS PARTICULAR
PHASE OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. I THINK THAT WE'VE LAID
A BETTER GROUND WORK FOR THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS AND AS I'VE
BEEN EMPHASIZING RIGHT ALONG, IT IS A PROCESS WHICH WILL
CONTINUE IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER TO THE ULTIMATE RESULT THAT WE
ARE ALL SEEKING -- A FINAL, JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THIS
AREA. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. KASANOF

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